

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. For use in a video display system capable of
2 simultaneously displaying a main multimedia document and a
3 plurality of additional multimedia documents on a display screen, a
4 user interface system for said video display system, said user
5 interface system comprising:

6 a user interface controller capable of receiving at least one
7 instruction from a user that selects a format for displaying said
8 plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main
9 multimedia document,

10 wherein said user interface controller is capable of
11 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents on
12 said display screen in the format selected by said user.

1 2. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
3 documents with said main multimedia document comprises one of: a
4 horizontal linear format, a vertical linear format, and a collage
5 format.

1 3. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
3 documents with said main multimedia document comprises at least one
4 horizontal linear format.

1 4. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 3 wherein
2 said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
3 documents with said main multimedia document further comprises at
4 least one vertical linear format.

1 5. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said user interface controller is capable of receiving at least one
3 instruction from a user that selects one of said plurality of
4 additional multimedia documents to be displayed as a main
5 multimedia document, and wherein said user interface controller is
6 capable of displaying said selected one of said plurality of said
7 additional multimedia documents on said display screen as a main
8 multimedia document.

1 6. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of displaying said plurality of additional
4 multimedia documents on said display screen in a horizontal linear

5 format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of sequentially moving said
8 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
9 screen within said horizontal linear format.

1 7. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 6 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of reversing the direction of the sequential
4 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
5 on said display screen within said horizontal linear format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of controlling the speed of
8 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
9 on said display screen within said horizontal linear format.

1 8. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of displaying said plurality of additional
4 multimedia documents on said display screen in a vertical linear
5 format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of sequentially moving said

8 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
9 screen within said vertical linear format.

1 9. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 8 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of reversing the direction of the sequential
4 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
5 on said display screen within said vertical linear format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of controlling the speed of
8 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
9 on said display screen within said vertical linear format.

1 10. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said user interface controller comprises:

3 a dejaVideo display controller capable of executing computer
4 software instructions contained within a memory coupled to said
5 dejaVideo display controller to receive at least one instruction
6 from a user that selects a format for displaying said plurality of
7 additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document,
8 and to display said plurality of additional multimedia documents on
9 said display screen in the format selected by said user.

1 11. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said plurality of multimedia documents comprises at least one of: a
3 multimedia document containing a link to another document location,
4 a multimedia document containing all of a video document, a
5 multimedia document containing a portion of a larger video
6 document, and a multimedia document that contains a summary of a
7 video document.

1 12. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein
2 said user interface controller is capable of displaying said
3 plurality of additional multimedia documents on said display screen
4 to cause individual multimedia documents to appear and disappear on
5 said display screen.

1 13. The user interface system as claimed in Claim 10 wherein
2 said dejaVideo display controller is capable of executing:

3 a collage display application capable of displaying said
4 plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main
5 multimedia document in a collage format;

6 a horizontal linear display application capable of displaying
7 said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main
8 multimedia document in a horizontal linear format;

9 a vertical linear display application capable of displaying
10 said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main
11 multimedia document in a vertical linear format;

12 a multimedia document selection application capable of
13 displaying a selected one of said plurality of additional
14 multimedia documents as a main multimedia document; and

15 a linear display control application capable of receiving at
16 least one user instruction for controlling the display of said
17 additional multimedia documents in said horizontal linear format
18 and in said vertical linear format.

1 14. A video display system capable of simultaneously
2 displaying a main multimedia document and a plurality of additional
3 multimedia documents on a display screen, said video display system
4 comprising a user interface system comprising:

5 a user interface controller capable of receiving at least one
6 instruction from a user that selects a format for displaying said
7 plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main
8 multimedia document,

9 wherein said user interface controller is capable of
0 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents on
1 said display screen in the format selected by said user.

15. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
documents with said main multimedia document comprises one of: a
horizontal linear format, a vertical linear format, and a collage
format.

1 16. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
3 documents with said main multimedia document comprises at least one
4 horizontal linear format.

1 17. The video display system as claimed in Claim 16 wherein
2 said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia
3 documents with said main multimedia document further comprises at
4 least one vertical linear format.

1 18. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 said user interface controller is capable of receiving at least one
3 instruction from a user that selects one of said plurality of
4 additional multimedia documents to be displayed as a main
5 multimedia document, and wherein said user interface controller is
6 capable of displaying said selected one of said plurality of said
7 additional multimedia documents on said display screen as a main
8 multimedia document.

1 19. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of displaying said plurality of additional
4 multimedia documents on said display screen in a horizontal linear
5 format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of sequentially moving said
8 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
9 screen within said horizontal linear format.

1 20. The video display system as claimed in Claim 19 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of reversing the direction of the sequential
4 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
5 on said display screen within said horizontal linear format, and
6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of controlling the speed of
8 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
9 on said display screen within said horizontal linear format.

1 21. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of displaying said plurality of additional
4 multimedia documents on said display screen in a vertical linear
5 format, and

6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of sequentially moving said
8 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
9 screen within said vertical linear format.

1 22. The video display system as claimed in Claim 21 wherein
2 in response to receiving a user instruction, said user interface
3 controller is capable of reversing the direction of the sequential

4 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
5 on said display screen within said vertical linear format, and
6 wherein in response to receiving a user instruction, said user
7 interface controller is capable of controlling the speed of
8 movement of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents
9 on said display screen within said vertical linear format.

1 23. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 said user interface controller comprises:

3 a dejaVideo display controller capable of executing computer
4 software instructions contained within a memory coupled to said
5 dejaVideo display controller to receive at least one instruction
6 from a user that selects a format for displaying said plurality of
7 additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document,
8 and to display said plurality of additional multimedia documents on
9 said display screen in the format selected by said user.

1 24. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
2 said plurality of multimedia documents comprises at least one of: a
3 multimedia document containing a link to another document location,
4 a multimedia document containing all of a video document, a
5 multimedia document containing a portion of a larger video
6 document, and a multimedia document that contains a summary of a

7 video document.

1 25. The video display system as claimed in Claim 14 wherein
 2 said user interface controller is capable of displaying said
 3 plurality of additional multimedia documents on said display screen
 4 to cause individual multimedia documents to appear and disappear on
 5 said display screen.

26. The video display system as claimed in Claim 23 wherein said dejaVideo display controller is capable of executing:

a collage display application capable of displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document in a collage format;

a horizontal linear display application capable of displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document in a horizontal linear format;

a vertical linear display application capable of displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document in a vertical linear format;

a multimedia document selection application capable of displaying a selected one of said plurality of additional multimedia documents as a main multimedia document; and

a linear display control application capable of receiving at least one user instruction for controlling the display of said additional multimedia documents in said horizontal linear format and in said vertical linear format.

27. For use in a video display system capable of simultaneously displaying a main multimedia document and a plurality of additional multimedia documents on a display screen, a method for providing a user interface for said video display system, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one instruction from a user in a user interface controller that selects a format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document; and

displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents on said display screen in the format selected by said user.

28. The method as claimed in Claim 27 wherein said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document comprises one of: a horizontal linear format, a vertical linear format, and a collage format.

29. The method as claimed in Claim 27 wherein said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document comprises at least one horizontal linear format.

30. The method as claimed in Claim 29 wherein said format for displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document comprises at least one vertical linear format.

31. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one instruction from a user in a user interface controller that selects one of said plurality of additional multimedia documents to be displayed as a main multimedia document; and

displaying said selected one of said plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display screen as a main multimedia document.

32. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the steps of:

receiving a user instruction to display said plurality of multimedia documents on said display screen in horizontal linear format;

displaying said plurality of multimedia documents on said display screen in said horizontal linear format;

receiving a user instruction to sequentially move said

9 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
 10 screen within said horizontal linear format; and
 11 sequentially moving said plurality of said additional
 12 multimedia documents on said display screen within said horizontal
 13 linear format.

1 33. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the
 2 steps of:

3 receiving a user instruction to display said plurality of
 4 multimedia documents on said display screen in vertical linear
 5 format;

6 displaying said plurality of multimedia documents on said
 7 display screen in said vertical linear format;

8 receiving a user instruction to sequentially move said
 9 plurality of said additional multimedia documents on said display
 10 screen within said vertical linear format; and

11 sequentially moving said plurality of said additional
 12 multimedia documents on said display screen within said vertical
 13 linear format.

1 34. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the
 2 steps of:

3 executing a collage display application in a dejaVideo display

4 controller to display said plurality of additional multimedia
5 documents with said main multimedia document in a collage format
6 when a user instruction is received that requests said collage
7 format;

8 executing a horizontal linear display application in a
9 dejaVideo display controller to display said plurality of
10 additional multimedia documents with said main multimedia document
11 in a horizontal linear format when a user instruction is received
12 that requests said horizontal linear format; and

13 executing a vertical linear display application in a dejaVideo
14 display controller to display said plurality of additional
15 multimedia documents with said main multimedia document in a
16 vertical linear format when a user instruction is received that
17 requests said vertical linear format.

1 35. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the
2 steps of:

3 receiving in a dejaVideo display controller a main multimedia
4 document and a plurality of additional multimedia documents;

5 displaying said main multimedia document on a central portion
6 of said display screen;

7 receiving a user instruction that selects a format for
8 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents;

9 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents
10 with said main multimedia document in a collage format when said
11 user instruction requests said collage format;

12 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents
13 with said main multimedia document in a horizontal linear format
14 when said user instruction requests said horizontal linear format;
15 and

16 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents
17 with said main multimedia document in a vertical linear format when
18 said user instruction requests said vertical linear format.

1 36. The method as claimed in Claim 32 further comprising the
2 step of:

3 controlling the speed of movement of said plurality of said
4 multimedia documents on said display screen within said horizontal
5 linear format.

1 37. The method as claimed in Claim 33 further comprising the
2 step of:

3 controlling the speed of movement of said plurality of said
4 multimedia documents on said display screen within said vertical
5 linear format.

1 38. The method as claimed in Claim 27 further comprising the
2 step of:

3 displaying said plurality of additional multimedia documents
4 on said display screen to cause individual multimedia documents to
5 appear and disappear on said display screen.